

Evening Telegraph

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1871.

THE COAL TROUBLES.

ALTHOUGH no final settlement of the troubles in the coal regions of the State has yet been effected, it seems to be understood in each district, as well as by the coal dealers, that there will be a general resumption of work about the first of May.

As a practical result of the strike, the coal consumers of the land will be compelled to pay the bulk of all damages it has caused, or, in other words, to maintain thirty thousand men, with their families, in idleness, during a period of about four months.

THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

THE leading provisions of the bill relating to the House of Correction which Councils requested the Legislature to adopt were very necessary and unobjectionable; and although some amendments may have been wise and proper, the action of the lower branch of the Legislature in defeating the bill, as a whole, was a flagrant outrage upon the citizens of Philadelphia.

AMNESTY.

THE Amnesty bill passed by the House of Representatives, and which we believe is acceptable to the best and most influential people of the whole country, hangs fire in the Senate, and there appears to be a disposition among some of the prominent Republican Senators to defeat it.

the Union. The time has most certainly come when a broad and liberal policy is necessary unless the irritation of the South is to be a source of trouble for the future, and now is the time when a general amnesty which will restore the proscribed classes of the South to full citizenship will be of avail, as an appropriate finale to the reconstructive measures of Congress, to inaugurate a reign of peace and to put an end to the disorders that will continue so long as the prescription of the participants in the Rebellion is a part of the policy of the party in power.

TAMMANY'S TRUMP CARD.

IN the session of 1870, the Democrats had a majority of 4 in the Senate and 16 in the House of Representatives of the New York Legislature. At the last election this majority was cut down in the House to one, and even this meagre margin was obtained by Tammany Hall only by counting out a Republican who was clearly elected in one of the New York city districts.

In this emergency there was but one course to be pursued. Somebody must be bought, and, happily for Tammany Hall, somebody was for sale. The infamous scoundrel who put himself up at auction was one Orange S. Winans, local Superintendent of the Erie Railroad at Dunkirk, and Republican member of the House from Chautauque county, the representative of a strong Republican constituency, who was elected by a majority of 1217 in a total vote of 6727.

So Tammany Hall has played its trump card and won. The iniquitous measures which were imperilled by Jim Irving's assault on the country member are sure of passage, and Tammany Hall will have at its disposition for use in the next Presidential campaign the entire revenues of New York city. Tweed was playing for high stakes; but Jim Irving's hasty temper came near spoiling the game.

The bribe offered was too high for the virtue of a man who has been for years in the employment of Fisk and Gould. But it remains to be seen whether or not the renegade will be suffered to live outside of the penitentiary. Even in New York there is a law which makes bribery a penitentiary offense. If that law is not enforced in all its severity against Orange S. Winans, Tweed's Legislature had better repeat it forthwith. The Republican party of New York has for years past been fighting against terrible odds. A clear majority of the honest legal voters of the State are firmly attached to the party, but Fenton and Conkling have contrived to rend the organization into two great factions by their struggle for supremacy, and, with Tammany Hall presenting a united front, defeat after defeat has been sustained.

THE National House of Representatives, after an interesting and animated debate, has decided by a close vote to return to the old system of commencing the sessions of each new Congress in December, instead of on the fifth of March. Since there is no longer any special necessity for continuous sessions like that created by Andy Johnson's amiable peculiarities, it seems desirable that the country and the Congressmen should obtain the repose contemplated by this action.

THE bill providing for a geological survey was recently indefinitely postponed in the lower branch of the State Legislature. As this was a useful measure, likely to benefit all sections of the State, and in accordance with the spirit and demands of the age, it was of course doomed to defeat.

AT St. Clement's Episcopal Church the assistant minister, Rev. W. H. N. Stewart, LL.D., preached an interesting sermon last evening, which will be found in full on our inside pages. This discourse, we understand, was originally delivered by Dr. Stewart some ten years ago, but bears repetition at present, as it contains a full resume of the history of the Church, with special reference to the peculiar practices which have recently created an excitement at St. Clement's Church.

THE dead-lock at Harrisburg may produce some good results by protecting the people from the usual batch of legislative monstrosities. If the number of private bills run through the Legislature happens to be something less than a million this year, Pennsylvania can still outlive such a calamity, and flourish as well than new dead-locks hereafter will be rather things to be hoped for than misfortunes to be dreaded.

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